

# **TOWN OF HINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

## **COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**



**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

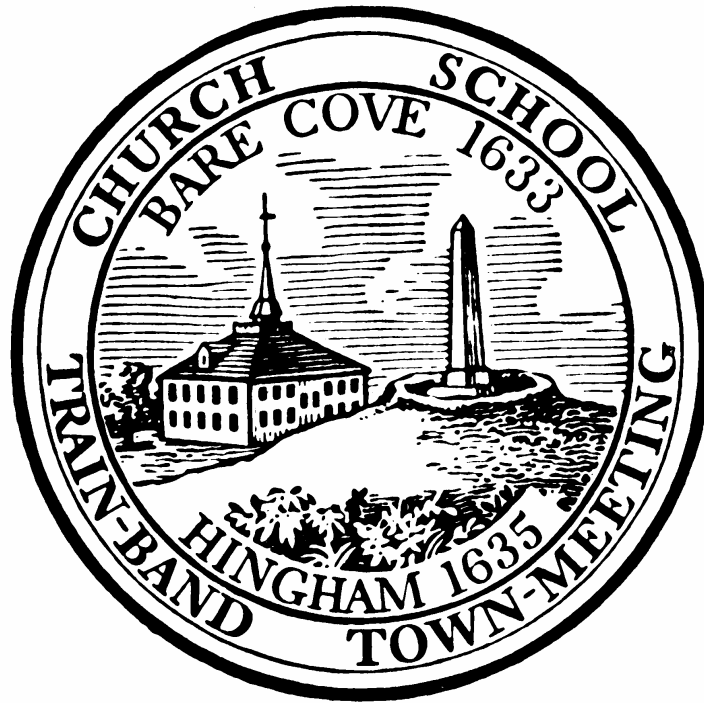
On the Cover: South Shore Country Club  
(Photo by Art Cicconi)

The South Shore Country Club, a former farm, began operation in 1922 as a nine-hole course, designed by Wayne Stiles, a noted golf course architect, expanding to eighteen holes in 1925. The Club continued to be operated as a private golf club until it was purchased by a realty trust for development in January 1986. Plans by the new owners to build housing on the property prompted the Town to appoint a Study Committee to explore alternatives regarding the space and to present their findings to Town Meeting in 1986.

In April 1986, after long and sometimes heated discussions, the Town Meeting attendees voted by secret ballot, 1,216 to 327, to approve \$7 million for "taking by eminent domain" the Country Club parcel of land. At a Special Town Meeting in February 1988, by a six to one margin, 1,538 voters added another \$1.25 million to the price for the purchase and development of the property. It was further voted to accept State Aid for the project to ensure the preservation of Open Space.

The South Shore Country Club, managed by the newly appointed Country Club Management Committee, opened to the public in July 1988 and reported a first year profit of \$87,297.

Today, in addition to golf, the Club offers tennis courts, a bowling alley, a swimming pool and several dining and function rooms.



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